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WE have among us a society, divinely organized, for the advancement of Christianity in the world; that society is the Church, commissioned by our blessed Lord to proclaim everywhere the fundamental facts concerning Himself and His work of redeeming love; to publish unto mankind the doctrines which He taught; to teach the duties which facts and revelation impose, and to invite and encourage men to come unto Jesus, that they may be saved from the consequences and punishments of sin.

By many agencies, subordinate and auxiliary to the Church, Christians have been accustomed to exert themselves in the performance of its work. And we are fittingly assembled, in this joyous Epiphany season, to keep the anniversary of such a society. It is the earliest organization of the kind within the diocese. It was established under Episcopal supervision; it has continued under that sanction in co-operation with the ecclesiastical authorities, and obedient to the will of the diocese, as expressed in legislative enactments; and being thus in harmony with the Church's institutions, and designed for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, it richly deserves encouragement and support.

Were this the only society of the kind or for the purposes indicated by its name, or were it but newly organized by the activities of the churchmen of the present diocese, we should feel but little satisfaction in reporting to you its operations

during the year just past, for it has been enabled to do comparatively very little. The activities of other societies have exceeded ours; the liberalities of churchmen have been more freely sought and won by other agencies; and this society, which was once the sole reliance, has in a measure yielded the ground: it has withdrawn from the employment or support of missionaries; it is gradually giving up its educational work among young men preparing for the ministry, and it has not of late devoted itself with vigor to any new or aggressive work. Notwithstanding this, it deserves the continued confidence and the increased honor of the Church's members; for it has carefully studied the things that make for peace and the edification of the Church; it has faithfully and lovingly discharged several weighty and valuable trusts; it has comforted and encouraged many a weary or doubting heart, and it is capable of wielding an influence and of exerting a power that shall leave it second to none in the great work of advancing Christianity in the diocese, and in the State which once was the diocese of Pennsylvania. For our fathers' sakes, and for the welfare of our sons, let us endeavor to make the operations of the society worthy of the distinguished position which it holds among the organizations of the diocese.

The Treasurer reports as income during the past year—

By dividends and interest.....	\$1,683 64
By subscriptions for life and annual membership...	392 50
By contributions at anniversary and in churches...	177 92
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Total.....	\$2,254 06

This sum constituted the available resources of the society for its active operations. As trustee of the Episcopal Fund committed to it, and for Parishes in four Counties and one Convocation within the limits of the present Diocese, and of special bequests, which it is ever ready to receive, it has held or disbursed other sums, not specified here, in accordance



with the terms of the trusts. Its appropriations have been in excess of actual expenditures. These amount only to—

Expended for prayer-books, Bibles, and tracts, by the Book and Tract Committee.....	\$192
In gratuities or donations to students, under the super- vision of the Education Committee.....	1,150
In aid of the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia	250
Total.....	<u>\$1,592</u>

But there are outstanding appropriations to aid in the erection of churches or parsonages, as follows:

For a church building in Chambersburg.....	\$250 00
For St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.....	225 12
For parsonage in Uniontown, Fayette county.....	250 00
For parsonage in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill county.	250 00
For St. James' Church, Bedford.....	250 00

Some of these appropriations, however, based upon specified conditions, may not be claimed, and the balance on hand would then be applied to other objects. The Board deem it wise to require some security for the accomplishment of the designs to which they appropriate the society's funds; and they feel a deep and earnest desire to excite new interest in some special work which does not now receive that attention from the Church's members which the interests of the Church demand. If the Board should see fit to cease from rendering aid to students preparing for the ministry, there is no more important auxiliary work than the erection of churches, or of parsonages, or of parish school-houses. These will provide a shelter and a home where the missionary or the pastor and his family may be made strong for work; wherein the worship of the congregation may be both orderly and decent, and where the children of the land may learn the principles of the gospel, and be trained in the Church's manner of worship and of holy living. Too often is the missionary neglected and forsaken by the Church, though he is the advanced sentinel

of our army and a faithful brother, for whose success we ought to care and to strive. Let there be supplies suited to every need, supplementing all that feeble parishes can do, till the occupied places become strong, and posts of observation or of supply to other points, unoccupied as yet, and our progress shall be as of an army with banners, marching onward in the name of the Lord of Hosts. But if the Advancement Society is to be actively aggressive in this warfare against sin and the world, it must rally the members of the Church. When our blessed Lord was among us, He condescended to need and to accept the ministrations of angels and of men, and it cannot be that His Church can do her work without attendant sons and daughters, who shall wait with the supply of all things needful for her efficiency. Whenever the commissioned authorities of the diocese, acting in the name and by the command of the great Head of the Church, place His missionaries in rural hamlets or on the rough mountain side, among the delving miners or the operatives of crowded manufacturing centres, it becomes our duty to provide all things needful for their support and encouragement. At present the Advancement Society scarcely does more than guard and execute faithfully the wills of those who, in former years, made it the trustee of their bequests. It is mainly by the gifts of members now entered into rest that we have helped to educate our sons for the sacred ministry, or to send the Scriptures and the prayer-book unto our own brethren, or to build churches for our children; for not more than one city parish, and one in the country, have added any thing during the past year to the anniversary offerings presented here. Only one life member has been added to the list that contains so many saintly names; only seventy-six contributors have paid the annual fee of membership; and the ability of the society for any new or important work must depend on the names and offerings, the zeal and prayers of those who love the cause of our Saviour Christ, and the sober, godly worship of the Church.

The Board appeals with confidence for the yearly contri-

bution of five dollars a-piece from many members ; it asks the payment of thirty dollars each from as many as can afford to make themselves life members ; it calls on the reverend clergy for help in "stirring up the pure minds" of the brethren, "by way of remembrance;" and it pledges its best endeavors for the strengthening of the Church by the funds that may be put at its disposal, that the name of God may be glorified, and that the salvation of men may be promoted in the advancement of Christianity throughout all the territory which is embraced within the dioceses of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. CLERC,  
GEORGE BLIGHT,  
R. M. LEWIS.

## SYNOPSIS OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance due general fund.....	\$185 72
“ “ temporary trusts.....	287 61
“ “ distribution of Bibles .....	68 45
Donations and Subscriptions.....	407 50
Received from Churches :	
Anniversary at St. Mark's.....	\$121 16
St. Luke's, Lebanon.....	6 25
Christ Church, Philadelphia.....	50 61
Calvary Church, Rockdale, for Bibles.....	50 00
	<u>227 92</u>
Income from investments.....	1,683 64
Income of temporary trusts.....	115 21
Legacy of Miss Yeates, Lancaster, of \$1,000, held at disposal of Bishop, less taxes.....	896 24
	<u>\$3,872 29</u>
General Expenses.....	\$95 08
Beneficiaries .....	1,150 00
Church of Redemption, Philadelphia.....	250 00
Book and Tract Committee.....	192 00
Changing investments from Penna 5's to Penna 6's...	50 21
Invested Yeates Legacy, waiting decision of the Bishop, in 900 Penna 6's at cost of.....	924 75
	<u>\$2,662 04</u>
	<u>\$1,210 25</u>
Of this balance there is due :	
South Central Convocation.....	\$330 36
St. Andrew's, Tioga.....	61 51
Christ Church, Petersburg.....	10 95
Distribution of Bibles.....	93 45
	<u>496 27</u>
Due General Fund.....	<u>\$713 98</u>

We have examined and found correct the accounts of Geo. W. Taylor, Treasurer, from January 6th, 1867, to January 7th, 1868.

The balance in his hand is..... \$1,210 25

We have also examined the certificates of Stock and other Securities, which form the Permanent Fund, the Pilmore Legacy, &c., &c., and found them to correspond with the ledger, and with the Report therewith submitted.

JAMES A. FARNUM,  
THOMAS H. MONTGOMERY,  
*Committee on Accounts.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan'y 6, 1868.

## ADDRESS.

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Annual Subscription.....	\$5 00	Life Subscription.....	\$30 00
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“The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.”

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 The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, being a chartered and perpetual Institution, will receive and hold in trust, moneys, houses, lands, &c., &c., given, or bequeathed—strictly applying them in accordance with the wishes of the persons so giving or bequeathing—for the purchase of Glebes, the Building or Endowment of Churches, the Erection of Parsonages, the procurement of Church Furniture, the support of the Episcopate, the Education of Candidates for the Ministry, the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, and for any other purpose promotive of the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

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FOR 1868.

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